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Khadi Artisans Welfare Trust Fund
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Will the Minister of MICRO,SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Khadi Artisans Welfare Trust Fund (KAWTF);

(b) the number of States/UTs currently covered under this fund; and

(c) the cumulative balance value under the fund at present?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF
MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES
(SHRI GIRIRAJ SINGH)

(a): Khadi Artisans Welfare Fund Trust was started for implementation of social security measures such as medical, educational, maternity, construction of house, assistance for burial/funeral etc. for artisans associated with Khadi Institutions. These are setup at State level. As per the Trust Guidelines Khadi Institutions collect 12% of Artisans' earning as their contribution to AWF Trust and deposit the amount alongwith matching contribution of the institution to the Trusts. The Trust Funds are administered by the Trust authority constituted in accordance with bye-laws of Trusts.

(b)&(c): So far, 21 State level Khadi Artisans Welfare Fund Trusts have been setup in the country with a cumulative fund of Rs.86.63 crore available with the Trusts. The details of Artisans Welfare Fund Trusts and funds available with them as on 31.03.2016 is given in Annexure-I.